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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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ORDER ON SEALED ELECTRONIC FILING
AND CHANGES TO LCvR 79.1

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Phil Lombardi, Clerk
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

GENERAL ORDER


It is the ORDER of this Court that Local Civil Rule 79.1 is hereby amended to reflect that sealed documents in public cases shall now be filed electronically. In criminal cases, sealed documents may now be filed without the requirement of a motion to the court. Documents filed in sealed cases (nonpublic cases) shall still be filed in paper format. The Clerk of Court is directed to modify the ECF Policy Manual to reflect these changes. The parties are reminded that it is the policy of this Court that sealed documents, confidentiality agreements and protective orders are disfavored.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that LCvR79.1(b), (c) and (d) are vacated in their entirety and are replaced as follows:


LCvR79.1(b) **Caption of Sealed Documents.** Underneath the case number, in the style of any document sought to be sealed, the document shall be marked in all caps, "SEALED."

LCvR79.1(c) **Sealed Documents in Public Cases.** A person seeking to file a document under seal in a public case shall electronically file both a motion to seal and the sealed document separately. The motion seeking such an order must contain sufficient facts to overcome the presumption in favor of disclosure and may itself be filed under seal. The relief sought shall be narrowly tailored to serve the specific interest sought to be protected. A proposed order shall be submitted pursuant to the ECF Policy Manual. If the motion to seal is denied, the court will direct that the document either be stricken or be unsealed.

LCvR79.1(d) **Documents in Sealed Cases.** Documents to be filed in sealed cases (nonpublic cases) must be filed in paper format.


Claire V. Eagan, Chief Judge
United States District Court


Terence C. Kern, Judge
United States District Court


James H. Payne, Judge
United States District Court